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Rev. JOSEPH A. LINN, *President*,
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Rec. Sec.*
" S. SCHERER, *Cor. Sec.*
M. BARRIER, Esq., *Treasurer.*

Officers of the Missionary Society:

Rev. JACOB CRIM, *President.*
" J. D. SCHECK, *Vice President.*
" J. S. HEILIG, *Secretary.*
Mr. D. M. ISENHOUR, *Treasurer.*

MINUTES.

In conformity with the 20th resolution adopted last Synod, the Ev. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina convened at Newton, Catawba County, N. C., on Friday, April 29th, 1853.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the President preached the Synodical sermon from Luke xvi. chap. and 31st verse.

Immediately after sermon the members of Synod were called to order by singing and prayer by the President. The Secretary called the roll and the following were named as composing the Synod.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Address.
Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,	*Concord, Cabarrus county, N. C.*
" WM. ARTZ,	*Holt's Store, Alamance county,* "
" SAM'L ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan county,* "
" BENJ. AREY,*	*Statesville, Iredell county,* "
" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus county,* "
" JACOB CRIM,	*Jerusalem, Davie county* "
" J. A. LINN,	*Gold Hill, Rowan county,* "
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	*Lexington Davidson county.* "
" JOHN SWICEGOOD,	*Brummells, Davidson county,* "
" S. SCHERER,	*Salisbury, Rowan county,* "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,†	*Clapp's, Guilford county, N. C.*
" A. GRIMES,†	*Hay Meadows, Wilks county,* "
" J. S. HEILIG.	

* Absent, but afterwards appeared. †Absent, and from whom nothing was heard.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. ALEX. BLACKWELDER,	*From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge,*		
" PETER TREXLER,	"	" *S. Rothrock's*	"
	"	" *Wm. Artz's,*	"
" JAMES SCOTT,	"	" *Wm. G. Harter's,*	"
" JOSEPH SHIVE,	"	" *J. Crim's,*	"
" GEO. RENDLEMAN, Esq.	"	" *J. A. Linn's*	"
" GIDEON SINK,	"	" *L. C. Groseclose's*	"
" JOHN SHARP,	"	" *J. Swicegood's*	"
" HENRY BARRINGER,	"	" *S. Scherer's*	"
"DANIEL M. ISENHOUR,	"	" *J. S. Heilig's.*	"

On motion, Mr. John Smithdeal was received as commissioner from St. Paul's church, Iredell County.

On Motion, Jonas Bost, Esq., was received as commissioner from the congregation at Newton.

The President read his report which was accepted. Synod went into an election for officers. After numerous balloting, on motion business was suspended till 1½ o'clock. At the appointed hour the business of the previous sitting was resumed and after several more ballotings the following were announced as officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. JOSEPH A. LINN, *President.*
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Rec. Sec.*
" S. SCHERER, *Cor. Sec.*
M. BARRIER, Esq., *Treasurer.*

Rev. E. Dufford, delegate from the S. C. Synod, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

On motion, the minutes of last Synod were referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

All letters, papers, &c., intended for Synod being called for, were now handed in, read, and numbered.

Notice was given that an explanation of Sec. 3, of chap. 3, of the Constitution; and also of Sec. 3, of Chap. 6, of the Formula of Discipline, would be asked.

On motion, the letters &c., were taken up and disposed of in numerical order.

No. 1. Is a letter from the council of St. John's, Salisbury, in relation

to a pecuniary difficulty between them and Rev. J. D. Scheck. In reference to the above, it was

Resolved, I. That a Committee of five be appointed to meet in Salisbury on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July next, then and there to investigate the complaint of the Church Council of St. John's, and report the same to the next meeting of Synod. COMMITTEE: J. H. Thompson, Esq., C. Melcher, Esq., Jeremiah Barringer, Esq., William Walton, Esq., and Jacob File, Esq.

No. 2. Is a petition from Mt. Carmel congregation, Cabarrus County, praying to be received into connection with this Synod. It being ascertained that said petitioners have complied with the Constitutional requisitions, it was

Resolved, II. That the request of the petitioners be granted.

No. 3. Is a petition from Bethel church, Stanly County, praying this Synod to hold its next annual Convention in said church.

On motion the petition was laid over until the time for the selection of a place for the next meeting of Synod.

No. 4. Is the appeal of Mr. Joseph A. Fink from the decision of the Church Council of St. James, Concord, Cabarrus County.

On motion, it was laid over until to-morrow morning.

No. 5. Contains sundry charges against Rev. W. G. Harter.

On motion it was also deferred till to-morrow.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

Committee on the President's Report.—Revs. Rothrock, Scherer, Mr. A. Blackwelder.

Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.—Rev. J. Crim, Messrs. G. Sink, and P. Trexler.

Committee on Finance.—Rev. W. G. Harter, Messrs. Isenhour, and Shive.

Committee on the State of Religion.—Revs. Artz, Scheck, and Swicegood.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Arey, Messrs. Rendleman, and H. Barringer.

On motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow 8 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Bro. Crim.

Bro. Heilig preached at night from the LXVIII. Psalm and 19 verse.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by the Secretary.

The roll was called

On motion, the minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed. After hearing and deliberating all day upon the appeal from the Church Council of St. James, the subject was laid over and made the order of the day for Monday. Bro. Scherer preached at eleven o'clock from Acts xxiv. chap. and 16 verse; and Bro. Crim at night from Matthew xix. chap. and 20 verse.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

A prayer meeting was conducted in the church by the Secretary at 9 o'clock, after which Bro. Rothrock preached a Sermon from James i. chap. and 25 verse. The exercises preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper were attended to by the President, after which a respectable number communed, including members of Synod and christians of different denominations.

At 3 o'clock Bro. Scheck preached the Missionary sermon from Romans i. chap. and 16 verse, at the close of which a liberal collection was received in behalf of our Synodical Missionary Society. Bro. Dufford preached in the Court House at candle light to a large and attentive audience—Text Rev. ii. chap. and 4, 5, verses. Thus ended the exercises of the Sabbath, much it is hoped to the edification of christians and the glory of the Great Head of the church. The Lord smile upon that part of his vineyard.

Monday Morning 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod again met in committee of the whole; the exercises opened by an address to a throne of grace; the roll being called, the committee resumed business. The decision of the committee having been heard, Bro. Harter asked for a new trial in behalf of the Church Council. After hearing his reasons the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, An appeal from the decision of the Church Council in the case of Rev. W. G. Harter and J. A. Fink was brought up to this Synod, which decision was reviewed and reversed by the Synod in committee of the whole, and, for reasons which have been respectfully set forth to this Synod by Rev. W. G. Harter, showing and declaring the grounds of his dissent from said reversion by the committee, and praying and petitioning this Synod for a new hearing and trial in the case; therefore,

Resolved, III. That a new trial be granted before the Church Council of St. James' church, Concord. Bro. Arey preached at 11 o'clock, from Ex. xv. chap. and 15. verse, latter clause.

No. 5. Containing charges against W. G. Harter was taken up and investigated. Item 1. is a charge of injustice in the case of Mr. John Berly and Rev. P. A. Strobel. After a patient hearing and due deliberation the following was adopted:

In view of the length of time since the transaction referred to; and in view of the circumstances under which the charge is now preferred,

Resolved, IV. That the charge in item 1. against W. G. Harter, be not sustained.

Having disposed of the above the committee took up item 2, of No. 5. The testimony having been heard on both sides, the following decision was given:

Resolved, V. That in view of the length of time since the unfortunate circumstance alluded to in the charge has transpired, and was known to many, and yet no presentation of it was made to this body; and in view of the circumstances under which it is now brought up—therefore,

Resolved, VI. That the charge in item 2, against Rev. W. G. Harter, be not sustained.

Bro. Swicegood preached at night from Rev. xiv. chap. and 1—3.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 7½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Rothrock.

The roll was called.

Mr. Henry Troutman was introduced as commissioner from St. Michael's church, Iredell county, and invited to a seat amongst us as an advisory member.

REPORTS.

No. 1. Is the report of the Director of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C., and also his report as Delegate to the S. C. Synod.

Your Director met with the Board in November last at S. Marks Church, Edgefield District, S. C., and by them was received cordially, and permitted a participation freely in their deliberations. The Secretary presented an interesting report, showing the Theological Seminary, as also the Clasical Institution, to be in a prosperous condition. The number of students reported by Professor Berley is 21, and a capital of $22,000. During my visit I had the pleasure to witness the Inauguration of the Rev. L. Eichelberger, Prof. elect of the Theological Seminary, who immediately after delivered an able address on the necessary qualifications for the gospel ministry.

The Convention held at Concord in the month of July last, in accordance with a recommendation of this Synod, made it the duty of your Director to solicit the co-operation of the Board of Directors in support of our Literary Institution. For want of time this subject was not presented for the consideration of the Board; but, acting as I did in the capacity of corresponding Delegate, as well as that of Director, I brought it to the notice of Synod, whereupon the following report was adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. John D. Scheck, Delegate from the N. C. Synod to this this Synod, has brought to the notice of this body the design of the N. C. Synod to establish a Classical Institution in N. C., and solicited the co-operation of this body in its behalf, your Committee, appointed to take this subject under consideration, beg leave to present the following:

That, As the cause of education is all-important in promoting an enlightened christianity and the advancement of the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and never more so than at the present time; your committee have learned with lively satisfaction that their brethren of the N. C. Synod feel encouraged to engage in the establishment of an Institution, which may secure to this church within the bounds of said Synod, the advantage it is intended to confer. Whilst your committee are aware of the general difficulties connected with the establishment of an Institution of learning, however much needed, they hope

that in the present case, these difficulties will not be such as to discourage them in the enterprise in which they are about to engage. They are pleased to learn that the circumstances in the present case are such as to give the hope of encouraging success, therefore:

1. *Resolved*, That in the establishment of a Clasical Institution by the Synods of N. C., that body has the best wishes of this Synod for its success.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the obligations resting on this body, in sustaining the institution already depending on its support, this Synod regrets its inability to do more than express the christian sympathy and good wishes of this body in its behalf.

3. *Resolved*, That should such an Institution be established, we hope it may tend to preserve and strengthen the bond of union which should characterize the relation existing between us.

JOHN BACHMAN,
E. B. HORT,
W. BERLEY,
J. WINGARD.

On the first day of the meeting of Synod, the President kindly consented to call a meeting of the Ministerium, to whom I referred the case of B. N. Hopkins, a suspended member of this Synod. It is well known that the said Hopkins was suspended, by a committee appointed by the President of this body, for gross immorality, and that after his suspension he continued to preach in certain churches within our bounds, setting at defiance the authority of this Synod, and claiming to act under a pretended license granted him by the Synod of South Carolina.

The report of the committee, consisting of Dr. Bachman and Prof. Berley, and unanimously adopted by the Ministerium, will present this humiliating subject in its true aspect before the church and the world.

Whereas, The Ministerium of the Ev. Luth. Synod of S. C., and the adjacent States, in accordance with the constitution of the Theological Seminary, under the control of the church, are in the habit of granting continued license to the graduates of said Institution—And whereas, B. N. Hopkins, having been connected with the Theological Seminary at Lexington S. C., and, on leaving said Institution, had received from this Ministerium such continued license, removed within the bounds of the Synod of N. C., and, on the grounds of his graduating testimonials, was received as a member of that Synod; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we consider him amenable to the Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C. for every act. ministerial and moral.

2. *Resolved*, That whenever a student who has received license from us, connects himself with another Synod, he has no further connection with us.

3. *Resolved*, Therefore, that we, as a Ministerium, regard the action of the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of N. C. in the case of B. N. Hopkins, as final.

4. *Resolved*, That our understanding of a continued license, is, continuance during its proper ministerial conduct.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN BACHMAN,
WM. BERLEY.

In conclusion, it affords us much pleasure to say, that with the brethren of the S. C. Synod, the past year was one of unparalleled, success. God most graciously visited and redeemed his people; as the fruits of their revival season, hundreds were added to their churches, of such, we trust, as shall be saved.—Rev. E. Dufford was appointed the Delegate to this Synod—whom we are happy to see in our midst. My travelling expenses amounted to $7,50.

Adopted.

J. D. SCHECK,
Director and Delegate.

Resolved, VII. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay Rev. J. D. Scheck, the sum of $7 50, his expense as delegate to the Synod of S. C.

No. 2. Report of Treasurer of Synod.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report No. 3.

The committee appointed last Synod to settle with Col. J. M. Smith, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, } Committee.
J. D. SCHECK, }

No report having been received from the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, it was,

Resolved, VIII. That a committee of two be appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund and report to the next Synod.

Committee.—J. D. Scheck and D. M. Isenhour.

The balance of interest collected by the Secretary was paid to the above committee to be by them paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund.

No. 4. Report of the Com. on the President's Report.

The committee to whom was referred the President's Report, beg leave to present the following:

1. The Synod will be pleased to hear the report of the committee which, by appointment of President, met in Concord in last July, to investigate the charge of immorality and impurity against B. N. Hopkins.

2. The committee are pleased to learn that efforts are being made for the establishment of a literary school in connection with this body. Synod will be pleased to hear what progress has been made towards the establishment of said school.

3. The commmittee would bring to the notice of Synod that part of the re-

port which relates to the appointment of special agents, to obtain subscriptions and donations in aid of said schools, as well as the sale of scholarships.

4. In relation to the recommendation of the President in reference to the amendment of the Constitution, your committee propose the following:

Resolved, That Section 7th of Chapter 11th, which was adopted last year, be stricken out; and that section 7th chapter 11th, as found in the printed Constitution of 1846, be reinstated; and also that the words, "And his license shall be regarded as valid;" in section 14th of chapter 3d, be stricken out.

5. Your Committee recommend that the President's Report, be printed with our minutes.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, S. ROTHROCK,
S. SHERER,
A. BLACKWELDER.

On motion, the President's Report was ordered to be printed with the minutes of Synod.

The following report &c., were read and adopted by Synod, upon the suggestions made by the above committee:—

1. The report of the Secretary of the July Convention in reference to the establishment of a Literary Institution in our midst, was read, received and adopted.

2. The plan of said Institution adopted by said Convention was read, approved and adopted.

3. The Constitution of the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Academy, was read, and on motion, it was considered by Articles.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Bro. Heilig.

Rev. J. Crawford, of the German Reformed Church, having come into our midst, was, on motion, invited to a seat amongst us, as an advisory member.

The business suspended by the adjournment of Synod was now resumed. On motion, the Constitution of Western Carolina Academy, as now amended, was adopted as a whole.

Item 1. of the above committee referring to the appointment of special agents to collect funds for the Institution, was on motion referred to the Board of Directors.

No. 5. Report of Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.

Your committee on Petitions and Vacancies beg leave to report—

That though no authentic documents, have been submitted to them, yet to their own knowledge there is a number of congregations within our bounds which we recommend to the prayerful consideration of this body.

1st. We learn from report that the congregations, formerly under the care of Bro. Artz, may be considered vacant, except one. This has ever been regarded as a very interesting section of our church, and it is desirable that it receive your serious attention.

2. St. Paul's and St. Michael's churches in Iredell County: These churches have for some time been vacant. They have heretofore been regarded as constituting Bro. Arey's charge, but owing to some difficulties which have arisen between him and them, their connection has been dissolved. Your attention is likewise directed to the Missionary station, lying contiguous to this charge, known as the Mineral Spring, which has, during the last four or five years, been occupied by J. Crim, but as it is impossible for him, with his present charge to do justice to it, it is earnestly recommended to your consideration.

3. The congregation at Newton, Catawba county, is also vacant. It is likewise a very interesting portion of our church; and from a consideration of the melancholy circumstances connected with this place, we would heartily recommend it to your prayerful attention.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted,

JACOB CRIM,
PETER TREXLER,
GIDEON SINK.

In reference to the 1st item of the above report, the following was passed:

Resolved, IX. That it be recommended to the Ev. Lutheran congregations, in connection with this Synod, in Guilford, Alamance, and Randolph counties, or their representatives, to meet together for the purpose of deliberating upon their present deranged condition, and for devising such means to supply themselves with a pastor or pastors, as shall be satisfactory to themselves.

With regard to the 2d item, the following was adopted:

Whereas, The destitute and distracted state of St. Michael's and St. Paul's churches has come to the notice of this Synod; and, whereas, repeated efforts have been made to effect a reconciliation but without success; therefore,

Resolved, X. That it be recommended to the churches above-named, to observe the Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in May, as a day of humiliation and prayer, seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit in the choice of a pastor; and that the congregation assemble at St. Michael's church.

Resolved, XI. That there be a protracted meeting held at Lau's church in Guilford county, to commence on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July next; and another at Frieden's church, Guilford county, to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in August next; and that Rev. brothers Scheck, Heilig, Scherer, Crim and Swicegood be requested to attend said meeting.

Resolved, XII. That the congregation at Newton, Catawba county, be recommended to the *very special* attention of the Ex. Com. of the Miss. & Ed. Society.

In reference to Mineral Spring it was, on motion, recommended that Bro. Arey visit them and preach for them, provided such arrangements can be made as shall be mutually satisfactory to both him and them.

No. 6. Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Item 1. refers to committee on Liturgy. No report. Committee discharged.
Item 2. Inquiry as to whether the Delegate to W. Va. Synod attended to his duty. Neither he nor his alternate attended. Both were excused for reasons satisfactory to Synod.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, B. AREY,
H. BARRINGER,
G. RENDLEMAN.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	BAPTISMS. Adults	BAPTISMS. Infants	Communicants	Confirmations	Restorations	Dismissions	Admissions	Expulsions	Burials	Death of members	Prayer Meetings	Miss. & Educational Society.	Sunday Schools	Teachers	Scholars
Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK	2	4	37	58	56	..	4	2	2	7	7	2	2	..	..	..
" WILLIAM ARTZ	1	....	32	37	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	..
" S. ROTHROCK	2	1	33	589	80	2	..	3	..	14	6	..	..	....	....	..
" BENJ. AREY	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
" WM. G. HARTER	4	2	32	432	12	4	5	8	..	7	4	1	..	2	11	90
" J. CRIM	4	....	5	115	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	..
" J. A. LINN	2	1	21	215	11	1	12	4	3	11	5	1	..	..	..	..
" L. C. GROSECLOSE	4	29	20	200	56	..	..	2	2	15	1	3	..	1	..	..
" J. SWICEGOOD	3	....	6	40	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
" S. SCHERER	1	4	25	155	34	4	9	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
" J. S. HEILIG	2	....	12	200	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	..
	25	41	229	2518	251	11	30	26	7	61	27	8	4	4	11	90

No. 7. Is a document containing the Constitution of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C. On motion it was referred to a committee of three.

No. 8. Report of Financial Committee.

No. 1. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

The Treasurer of the Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C., would respectfully report as follows:

To balance due Synod last year	$ 88¾
" Contributions last Synod	$62 52¼
Whole amount	$63 42
Paid to J. J. Bruner, as per order of Secretary, for printing minutes	$42 00
To balance due Synod	$21 42

Respectfully submitted,

MATHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund.

Your Treasurer of Seminary Fund begs leave to report as follows: Moses Barrier in account with the Ev. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, to wit:

To 1 note due April 15th 1852 - - - - - -	$500 00	
Interest on the above to April 15th 1853 - - - -		$30 00
To 1 note due April 15, 1852 - - - - - -	$294 00	
Interest on the above to April 15th 1853 - - - -		$17 64
To 1 note due April 15th 1852 - - - - - -	$137 00	
Interest on the above to April 15th 1853 - - - -		$8 22
To 1 note due April 15th 1852 - - - - - -	$107 50	
Principal, - -	$1038 50	
Interest on the above to April 15th, 1853, - - - - - -		$6 75
Total Interest, - - - - - -		$62 31

Respectfully submitted, MOSES BARRIER, Treasurer.

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. J. D. Scheck's Churches.

St. John's church - - - - - -	$8 00	
Luther's Chapel - - - - - -	3 00	—$11 00

Brought forward - - - - - - - - - $11 00

Rev. William G. Harter's Churches.

St. James' church - - - - - - $4 00
Bethel " - - - - - - 2 00
Mt. Carmel " - - - - - - 1 15
Luther's " - - - - - - 1 27½—$8 42½

Rev. S. Rothrock's Churches.

Organ church - - - - - - $8 00
St. Stephen's " - - - - - 2 00—$10 00

Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Churches.

Pilgrim church - - - - - $1 75
Andrew Sink - - - - - - 50
Frederick Town " - - - - - 1 66¼
Beck's " - - - - - 85
Sandy Creek " - - - - - 2 10
J. H. Thompson - - - - - 50
Contribution - - - - - 25—$7 61¼

Rev. J. S. Heilig's Churches.

St. Enoch's church - - - - - $3 00
Salem " - - - - - - 1 10—$4 10

Rev. J. A. Linn's Churches.

St. Paul's Church - - - - - $2 50
St. Matthew's " - - - - - - 3 50—$6 00

Rev. J. Crim's Churches.

Franklin Church - - - - $1 00
St. Matthew's " - - - - - 47½
Jerusalem " - - - - 70
Mineral Spring " - - - - - 50—$2 67½

Rev. J. Swicegood's Churches.

Nazareth Church - - - - - $1 00
Hopewell " - - - - - - 1 00
Shiloah " - - - - - 50—2 50

$52 31¼

Brought forward - - - - - - -	$52 31¼

Rev. S. Scherer's Church.

Union Church - - - - - -	$2 37½—2 37½

Rev. Wm. Artz' Church.

Zion Church - - - - - - -	$0 50—$0 50
Newton per J. Bost Esq. - - - -	$8 20—$8 20
St. John's Church, Salisbury - - - -	$1 50—$1 50
*Total,	$64 88¾
Balance from last year, - - - - - -	21 42
Total, - - - - -	$86 30¾

Your Financial committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's reports and find them correct; also that they have received, counted and paid into the hands of Treasurer of Synod the above contributions, and taken his bond for the same.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, W. G. HARTER,
D. M. ISENHOUR,
JOSEPH SHIVE.

On motion, it was ordered that the interest on Seminary Fund, amounting to $62 31cts. be paid into the hands of Bro. Dufford, to be by him paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Seminary, at Lexington, S. C.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Scherer. The Secretary preached at night from Phil. 1 chap. and 21 verse.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by the President. The roll was called. The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

Committee No 7. now reported.

The committee to whom was referred the amended constitution of the Class-

*There is an error of $1 51¼ cents inthe report of the Financial Committee which stands corrected above. *Secretary.*

ical and Theological Seminary of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, present the following: That they have examined said amended Constitution and learn that all relations hitherto existing between that Synod and this, on the subject of said Institution, shall remain as they have been, according to the existing agreement between the two Synods. Your committee therefore, recommend said amended Constitution to the approval of this body.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, S. ROTHROCK, Chair. Com.

On motion, the anonymous letter received by the President, was laid on the table.

No. 9. Report of the Committee on the state of Religion.

Your committee on the state of Religion, would submit the following very brief and imperfect report. The state of religion within the bounds of the Synod of North Carolina, particularly in some portions, has been prosperous during the past year. Interesting revivals have taken place in some parts, particularly in Davidson County. In this section of the church there is a very interesting state of things; the Lutheran Observer is circulated, and prayer meetings are well attended. In general, the ministers and members are actively engaged in the Master's service. There is a growing interest in the Tract, Bible, Missionary, Education and Temperance cause; and particularly your Committee rejoice to see that the Synod has undertaken to establish in the most populous part of her territory an Academy, for the intellectual and religious training and education of her youth. And your Committee regard it as an evidence of the growing intelligence and piety of our people; that much has already been done towards effecting this object. May they go on; and we bid the Synod, and we bid the people, God speed in this noble enterprise.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ,
J. D. SCHECK,
J. SWICEGOOD.

Bro. Crawford, of the G. R. Church, being about to leave, asked permission to make some remarks, which being granted, he spoke of the relation of the Reform and Lutheran churches in N. C. and the duty of co-operating, as far as practicable, amongst the German population. He then spoke of their school, located at Newton, and congratulated us in the success which we have so far met with in the establishment of a similar Institution. He also adverted to the deplorable state of their church, caused by the leaven of Nevanism by which the majority of the ministry have become infected, and the probability of this Classis asking for a "corner in the Lutheran Observer" in which to defend themselves against Nevanism. His remarks were well received by this body.

No. 10. *Report of the Corresponding Secretary.*

Document No. 1. Is a copy of the Minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of western Virginia. This Synod convened at Copp's Church, Bottetourt county, on Thursday, Sept. 2d, 1852. It numbers seven ordained and three licensed ministers. Its officers are, Rev. E. Hawkins. President, and Rev. J. A. Brown, Sec. They report 33 Cong. 180 Bap. and 248 Conf. This Synod seems to be actively engaged in the work of the Lord. Rev. J. Scherer was appointed corresponding Delegate to this Synod and Rev. S. Schaeffer his alternate.

Document No. 2. Is a copy of the Minutes of the Synod of the South West. This Synod held its sixth annual session at Zion Church, Jackson county, Ill., Sept. 25th, 1852. It numbers thirteen ministers. Its officers are, Rev. J. Krack, President, and Rev. W. Jenkins, Secretary. They report 24 Cong., 217 Bap., and 207 Conf. These brethren manifest commenable zeal in the spread of Evangelical piety. With them the harvest truly is great and the laborers few.

Document No. 3. Contains the proceedings of the sixth annual convention of the Wittenberg Synod. This body met at Plymouth Ohio, Sept. 2d, 1852.—They report twenty ordained and nine licensed ministers. The officers are Rev. J. Livengood, President, and Rev. S. Fenner, Secretary. They report 46 Cong., 138 Bap., and 1740 Com. These brethren are actively engaged in promoting the interests of our beloved Zion by sustaining the various benevolent institutions of the church and the age.

Document No. 4. Is a copy of the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia. This Synod held its thirty-third annual convention at Mt. Tabor Church, Augusta county, Oct. 8th, 1852. It numbers 23 ordained, and 2 licensed ministers. Its officers are, A. P. Ludden, President, and Rev. X. J. Richardson, Sec'ry. They report 41 Cong., 106 Bap., and 1645 Com. These brethren are actively engaged in the benevolent operations of this progressive age.

Document No. 5. Are the Minutes of the Synod of S. C. This body met at St. Marks church, Edgefield District, Nov. 12th, 1852. It numbers 32 ordained and 11 licensed ministers. They report 46 Cong., 502 Bap., 692 Conf., and 3,326 Com. They also report the death of four ministers during the last Synodical year. These brethren are prosecuting with vigor the interests of the Master's Kingdom committed to them.

Document No. 6. Contains the proceedings of the 28th annual convention of the Synod of West Pennsylvania. It convened in Mechanicsburg, Penn., on the 30th of Sept., 1852. It numbers 41 ordained and 7 licensed ministers. Its officers are, Rev. J. N. Hoffman, President, and Rev. B. Sadtler, Sec'ry. They report 131 Cong. 1659 Bap. 1012 Conf. and 14,628 communicants. This Synod has a large field to cultivate, and they seem to be energetically prosecuting the great work unto which they have been called.

The foregoing is all we deemed necessary to extract from the Minutes of sister Synods.

Respectfully submitted, L. C. GROSECLOSE,

Adopted. *Cor. Sec.*

N. B. The Minutes of the Maryland Synod were handed to me after Synod was in session, upon which I had not time to report. *Secretary.*

Mr. Moses Barrier was re-elected Treasurer of the Seminary Fund.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 1½ o'clock, P. M.

SIXTH SESSION.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Secretary. The roll was called, after which Synod proceeded to business.

Resolved, XIV. That, ever hereafter this Synod devote half an hour, each morning before the commencement of business, in prayer, for the especial influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations, and for the exercise of all due fraternal love and fellowship.

Resolved, XV. That, ever hereafter, the President shall privately examine all sealed documents presented to this Synod, and shall state, by giving an intimation of their contents, whether said documents should be read in *open Synod.*

Resolved, XVI. That when this Synod adjourns, it stand adjourned to meet again on Friday before the 1st Sunday in May 1854, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Bro. Scheck presented to Synod a plan for the *Semi-Centennial Celebration* of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

On motion the plan was taken up by items, and finally adopted as a whole.

Whereas, The Great Head of the church has been graciously pleased to sustain and prosper the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina during the last *forty-nine* years; and, whereas, a period is now approaching in the history of said Synod, when it will be most becoming in all its members and friends to pause and review the past dealings of God with it, to take counsel together, unite our vigor and zeal, that it may the more effectually accomplish the important mission with which it is entrusted;

[On the 18th of October last, this Synod entered upon its forty-ninth year, having been organized on the 17th of Oct., 1803, in the town of Lincolnton, N. C.—five ministers being present.]

And as a Synod we would not fulfill our own sense of duty, nor do jus-

tice to what, we are assured, is the feeling of a large number of the members of our communion, if we did not devise some means by which, an event so full of interest, may be profitably and devoutly celebrated; therefore,

Resolved, I. That a Semi-Centenary celebration be observed in all the churches in connection with this Synod,—to commence on the 17th of October next ensuing, and terminate on the the last Sabbath in April, 1854.

Resolved, II. That the day on which this celebration is to commence, be set apart as a special season of thanksgiving for the distinguished favors of God to our churches in North Carolina; and that an appropriate sermon be delivered on that day by each minister, in connection with this body, having a charge.

Resolved, III. That all the churches in connection with this Synod be earnestly solicited for donations and subscriptions in aid of our Literary Institution, and our Education and Missionary operations,—as evidence of their gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ, for his unspeakable love and mercy to us, as a branch of his kingdom on earth.

Resolved, IV. That all persons contributing, may specify the object to which their donations shall be applied.

Resolved, V. That the President appoint a member of this body, whose du'y it shall be, to prepare and deliver at our next annual convention an historical sermon,—detailing the most important events embraced in our history; and that said sermon be delivered on Sabbath morning.

On motion, the election of a Board of Directors for Western Carolina Academy was now entered into. The following were elected, and the term of office defined as follows:

Rev. S. Rothrock and J. D. Scheck, and Messrs. C. Melchor and M. Barrier, elected for three years.

Revs. J. A. Linn and W. G. Harter, Messrs. J. Shimpoch and C. A. Heilig, elected for two years.

Revs. Scherer and L. C. Groseclose, Messrs. D. Barrier and C. L. Partee, elected for one year.

The question for the transfer of the Centenary fund, to the endowment fund of Western Carolina Academy, was introduced;—in relation to which the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This Synod is now in possession of a fund,—entitled

the "Centenary Fund,"—the interest of which has heretofore been applied to the use and benefit of the Education and Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, XVII. That the interest now due on said fund, be added to the principal; that to this principal and interest be added a sufficient sum to swell the whole amount to $600, and that said $600 be, and is hereby transferred to the endowment funds of Western Carolina Academy, located at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, N. C. And, that, in lieu of said amount of $600, this Synod shall be, and is hereby, entitled to three scholarships in said school—the receipt whereof shall be held by the President of this Synod and his successor in office.

On motion, the 8 h of June was appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Directors, elect, of Western Carolina Academy,—to meet at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, at 10 o'clock A. M., for organization and the transaction of business.

On motion, a committee of correspondence was appointed, whose duty it is to open a correspondence with sundry gentlemen, having reference to the first Professorship of said Academy; and that the President of Synod is, by this body, empowered to call a special meeting of Synod, if necessary.

The following is the committee of correspondence: Revs. S. Rothrock, J. D. Scheck,—and on motion, the President of Synod, Rev. J. A. Linn, was added. An election for Delegates to Sister Synods was now held.

To Synod of South Carolina—Rev. S. Rothrock, principal; Rev. B. Arey, alternate.

To Synod of Western Virgina.—Rev. S. Scherer, principal; Rev. L. C. Groseclose, alternate.

An election was also held for a Director of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C.

Rev. J. Linn was elected to that office for three years.

Previous notice having been given that the attention of Synod would, at some time during the present convention, be called to Section 3, of Chapter 3, of our Constitution; and also to Section 3, of Chapter 6, of the Formula of Discipline, these subjects were called up, discussed, and the following resolutions in relation to them, passed:

Resolved, XVIII. That we, as a Synod, disapprove and denounce the the practice, in ministers, of encouraging disaffected members of other's

charges, by performing any acts, strictly ministerial, or by speaking prejudicially in relation to their pastors.

Resolved, XIX. That it is the decided opinion of this body, that the electors of any congregation within the bounds of this Synod, are the male members. (See chap. 6, sec. 3, of Formula.)

No. 11. *Report of Committee appointed by the President, for the trial of B. N. Hopkins.*

We the undersigned, having been officially appointed a committee, to meet on the 23d of July, 1852, in the Lutheran church at Concord, to investigate the charge of lewdness reported against B. N. Hopkins, by the council of St. Paul's church, Iredell county, N. C., did then and there meet, and after an impatial and faithful examination of the evidence in the case, and believing the charge sustained by the testimony; therefore,

Resolved, Unanimously by the committee, that B. N. Hopkins be, and he is hereby suspended from all clerical functions, until said suspension be reversed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

Adopted.

W. G. HARTER,
JOS. A. LINN,
S. ROTHROCK,
} Committee.

In relation to the above report, it was

Resolved, XX. That the name of B. N. Hopkins be stricken from our clerical roll.

The following were put into nomination as suitable places for our next Synodical convention: Bethel church, Stanly county; Richland, Randolph county; St. Enoch, Rowan county, and Sandy Creek, Davidson county. Bethel having a majority of votes, it was determined that Bethel be the place for the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, XXI. That the President of Synod, express the thanks thereof to the good people of Newton for the kindness and hospitality extended to us since our arrival in their midst; and that we unite in invoking Heaven's richest blessing upon them.

Resolved, XXII. That the Secretary have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed; that two copies be sent to each of those Synods with whom we are in regular correspondence, and one to each of the other Synods in the United States of America.

Resolved, XXIII. That the Secretary of the Education and Missionary Society prepare extracts of the proceedings of said Society, and that they be appended to the minutes of Synod.

The minutes of to-day were now read and confirmed.

Resolved, XXIV. That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place above named. Closed with prayer by the President.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary of Synod.*

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

April 29th, 1853, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with singing and prayer by the President. The journal and sketch of Rev. J. S. Heilig, were handed in the by President, which, on motion, were received and read before the Ministerim.

Resolved, I. That we have heard, with pleasure and satisfaction, the journal and lengthy sketch of Rev. J. S. Heilig.

After a lengthy interview on Pastoral experience, and a friendly interchange of sentiments thereto appertaining, the Ministerium adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Bro. Swicegood. The minutes were read and confirmed.

Resolved, II. That we adjourn, subject to the call of the President. Closed with prayer by Bro. Arey.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Dufford.

The roll was called. The minutes of former session were read and confirmed. There being no further business before us, it was

Resolved, III. That we adjourn.

Closed with prayer and benediction by the President.

APPENDIX.—A

President's Report.

BELOVED BRETHREN—In the great providence of God, we have been conducted through the vicisitudes of another Synodical year. Our lives have been spared; our comforts continued; our labors we trust have been blest; the church has been preserved and blest. And it must be a reflection peculiarly gratifying to us, as well as a subject of devout thanksgiving to God, to know that He is in our midst; still causes the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and the church of our care has received, during the past year, continued evidences of Divine favor and protection amidst the trials and difficulties to which she is exposed. Now we are again met in the sanctuary of God; we have sung his praise; have recorded his mercies to us and to our people; we have supplicated his blessings upon us; and meditated upon his word; have congratulated each other with cheerful countenances, with friendly interchanges and affectionate hearts as brethren. O! how great the Lord's loving kindness to us and to our Zion! But we are met once

more in Synodical convention for the purpose of transacting the religious affairs of the church of God in general. At the opening of this meeting, it was made my duty, according to the Constitution of our Synod, to lay before you an account of my official transactions for the year that is past, and such other matters as may be of interest to you and to the church at large.

Very early after the adjournment of our last Synod, I received a note from the Rev. B. N. Hopkins, (dated May 14th) requesting permission to resign St. Enoch's, St. Paul's and Newton congregations, which was granted, in view of his consent at last Synod to take charge of the new pastorate which was then formed of several Lutheran churches in Guilford and Randolph counties, and according to our acknowledged rules in such cases—(See Constitution, chap. 3d, Sec. 8th and 9th.)

Shortly afterwards I received a communication, (dated May 30th) from the council of St. Paul's Church, Iredell county, reporting certain facts which involved charges of immorality and impurity in relation to Rev. B. N. Hopkins, which were calculated to injure his ministerial character and influence. Accordingly, in compliance with Constitutional duty, and for the purpose of vindicating his moral character if wrongfully or falsely aspersed, I appointed a committee of ordained ministers, viz: Revs. W. G. Harter, J. A. Linn and S. Rothrock, to hold a proper investigation on Friday, the 23d of July, in the Lutheran church at Concord. Due notices were given to the parties concerned, and the ministers generally were invited to attend. The committee and ministers generally met; the investigation was conducted by the committee; their proceedings and unanimous decision were reported to Rev. B. N. Hopkins, (who did not attend,) together with a summary of the testimony, which satisfied the Committee of the truth of the alleged charges, and which led them to pass upon him the sentence of suspension from all clerical functions. The committee is expected to report their proceedings and decision in the case to the present meeting of Synod.

On Wednesday the 21st of July, the convention which was resolved upon at our last Synod, met at Concord for the purpose of maturing a plan for the establishment of a Literary Institution in connection with this Synod; an extract of the proceedings and a detail of the plan adopted, will be reported to you by the Secretary of the Board. A temporary Board of Directors was appointed, who met at Organ church, Dec. 2d, to determine the locality of the Institution according to the provisions

of the adopted plan. Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, was chosen to be the seat of the Academy. Scholarships are now offered, and a considerable number have been sold.

This then, is to be considered as the commencement of an Institution of learning in the Lutheran church in North Carolina—which has been so long and so earnestly desired. That the interests and prosperity of the Lutheran, as well as of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and German Reform churches in this State, requires such an Institution, can admit of no debate. That the community in general, as well as the church, are greatly benefitted by the encouragement of sound education and religion, the history of similar Institutions, long since established by other denominations and other States, bears ample testimony. Let us then urge forward the enterprise now in progress. Funds will be needed, and needed now.

The expenditures at the first will necessarily be large and must continue to increase if only the providential claims for the education of the youth in the Lutheran church be at all responded to. We must move forward and our friends and patrons must enable the Synod to do it. God's blessing is in the work, as it will be on those who share its advancement. For the furtherance of this object, I would second the suggestions of the convention, and recommend to Synod the appointment of special agents to obtain subscriptions and donations, as also for the disposal of scholarships, if necessary; said subscriptions to be payable in three annual installments, from the time of subscribing, and to be added to the endowment fund of said school, and so also the donations, if in available funds, or whenever they become such.

The Brethren in their several charges appear to be zealously engaged in the work of the Lord. They are taking an active part in the various benevolent Institutions of the day, and the Lord has granted them a blessing on their efforts, inasmuch as they have had interesting revivals of religion in some of their churches. May the Great Head of the church continue to bless them.

With regard to the licensure of candidates for the ministry in our Synod, I would recommend the ancient custom of annual license, whether the cause of Christ, the church, or the candidate be considered; and that section 7th in chapter 11th, which was adopted last year be stricken out; and that section 7th, chapter 11th, as found in the printed Constitution of 1846, be re-instated. And also that the phrase.

"And his license shall be regarded as valid," in section 14th, of chapter 3rd, be stricken out.

For the regulation and government of Lutheran congregations in connection with the Synod, the election of Elders, the calling and settling of Pastors, &c., I would suggest to Synod the propriety of recommending and enjoining the adoption of the Formula of church government and discipline which is appended to our Hymn Book, in all those congregations in which this or some similar form has not been adopted.

These are the prinicipal events of importance to this Synod which I have report. And now beloved brethren, commending ourselves and the interests of the church to the continual care and protection of Almighty God, I resign my office; thankful for the confidence reposed in me, and praying the presence and blessings of the Great Head of the church, to crown our present meeting. May the business for which we have met be transacted in mutual love, harmony and peace, that our souls may indeed be refreshed by his presence, that his blessings may rest upon our individual and united deliberations and efforts, to promote the glory of his name and the welfare of Zion.

WILLIAM ARTZ, *President.*

APPENDIX. -- B

AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

Evan. Luth. Synod of North Carolina.

Pursuant to adjournment the Missionary and Education Society met on Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M., at Newton, Catawba county, N. C. The object of the Society having been explained many became members by the payment of fifty cents.

The Society next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. JACOB CRIM, *President.*
" J. D. SCHECK, *Vice President.*
" J. S. HEILIG, *Secretary.*
Mr. D. M. ISENHOUR, *Treasurer.*

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Executive Committee.—Revs. L. C. Groseclose, J. A. Linn, J. D. Scheck, J. Swicegood, W. Artz.

Board of Directors.—Messrs. Jonas Bost, J. Sharp, M. Barrier, A.

Blackwelder, J. Swicegood, G. Sink, J. M. Bost, H. Barringer, G. H. Wilfong, A. Gross, Rev. S. Scherer and Mr. John Wilfong.

Contributions for the Society were now handed in as follows:

Rev. L. C. Groseclose' charge.

Pilgrim's church	$7,00	
Fredericktown "	3,95	
Beck's "	85	
Sandy creek "	4,80	
		16,60

Rev. W. G. Harter's charge.

St. James' church	$5,00	
Bethel "	5,51	
Centenary Interest	1,20	
Rev. W. G. Harter	1,00	
		12,71
Rev. J. Crim's charge	$9,55¼	
Carver's church, by J. Swicegood	5,00	
Collection at this meeting	29,16	
Donation by Bro. J. Crim	5,00	

On motion it was,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's Report, take in all monies intended for this Society, pay the same to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond.

Committee—Rev. S. Scherer, and M. Barrier, Esq.

Rev. J. Crim now gave a statement of his missionary labors, and presented the contribution lifted in behalf of this Society. When on motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to return the contributions, sent up by Bro. Crim's charge, to him as a compensation for his missionary labors.

By-laws of the Executive Committee were now presented and received, and on motion it was

Resolved, That they be appended to the minutes of the Society.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Missionary and Education Society beg leave

to report that they received, on the bounty of the Society, Mr. Charles W. Kesler, who was examined according to the Constitution, and your committee being satisfied of his qualifications, allowed him $75,00 of its funds to be paid in semi-annual installments.

Your committee also made an appropriation of $20,00 to Rev. J. Swicegood, provided he took charge of Carver's church, Forsyth county. Your committee would recommend that Bro. Swicegood receive said amount inasmuch as he has complied with the engagement.

No regular missionary was employed during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SCHECK,
JOHN SWICEGOOD,
JOS. A. LINN,
W. G. HARTER,
WM. ARTZ.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, would submit the following: They have examined said report and found it correct. The amount

in hands being	$106 58
Contributions at this Synod	73 11
Beneficiary notes	679 17
Total,	$858 86

For which we have taken the Treasurer's bond.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,
M. BARRIER.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Rev. J. Swicegood twenty dollars, in compliance with the recommendation of the Ex Committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Society be, and he is hereby authorized to refund to Paul A. Seaford, Esq., the sum of thirty-five dollars paid out by him in a law suit with John N. Krimminger.

Rev. S. Scherer was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at our next meeting, and Rev. J. S. Heilig, his alternate.

The Minutes being read and confirmed, it was

Resolved, That we now adjourn to convene again on Monday, at o'clock, P. M., at the place of the next meeting of Synod.

Closed with a benediction.

JOHN S. HEILIG, *Secretary.*

BY-LAWS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

EVAN. LUTH. SYNOD OF N. C.

Art. I. The chairman appointed by the President of the Society shall preside at all the meetings of the Committee, and open and close each meeting with prayer.

Art. II. The Committee shall elect a Secretary at their first meeting whose duty it shall be to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Committee during the year, and present the same in a report to the annual meeting of the Parent Missionary and Education Society.

Art. III. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary shall take his place, and appoint a Secretary *pro tem.*

Art. IV. No business can be transacted by a less number than three, who shall constitute a quorum.

Art. V. No person can be a member of the Executive Committee who is not a member of the Evan. Lutheran church.

Art. VI. If the President or any other officer, during the interim of this society, shall incur the censure of the Synod, congregation or society to which he belonged, his office shall be supplied asd irected in other cases of removal. (See Art. 23. of its constitution.)

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